

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 14, 2003, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims for prosecution:

Group I:- Claims 1-5, 7-15 and 17-20, drawn to a silver halide photographic material comprising at least one compound represented by formula (I) and at least one photographically useful group-releasing compound represented by formula (II) or (III), classified in class 430, subclass 544.

Group II: Claim 6, drawn to a silver halide photographic material comprising at least one compound represented by formula (I) and at least one surfactant having a specified critical micelle concentration, classified in class 430, subclass 631.

Group III: Claim 16, drawn to a silver halide photographic material comprising at least one compound represented by formula (I) and a compound represented by formula (IV), classified in class 430, subclass 607.

Applicants note that the claims are amended herein to correct clerical errors in the dependency of original claims 7-15 and 17-20. As amended herein, claims 7-11 depend from claim 6; claims 12-15 depend from claim 11; and claims 17-20 depend from claim 16. Thus, in accordance with the Examiner's restriction requirement, claims 1-5 properly fall within Group I, claims 6-15 properly fall within Group II and claims 16-20 properly fall within Group III.

In view of the above, Applicants elect **Group I (claims 1-5)**, drawn to a silver halide photographic material comprising at least one compound represented by formula (1) and at least

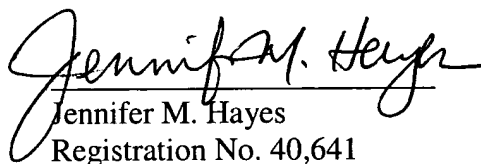
one compound represented by formula (II) or (III), without traverse. Claims 6-20 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and formal acknowledgment of the election to prosecute Group I, claims 1-5.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, except for the Issue Fee, to our Deposit Account No.: 19-4880.

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